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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALZAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane; Lombard Street, E. C.; GORDON STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill; GORDON & GORE, Ludgate Circus, E. C.; BATES & CO., 37, Walbrook; E. C.; SAMUEL, DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000

RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$ 500,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF FUND.....\$7,500,000

PALESTINE.....\$7,500,000

Course of Drawings.

Chairman, A. M. GORE, Esq.

Deputy Chairman, M. G. GORE, Esq.

G. D. BOTTOMLEY, E. H. M. HUNTINGTON, Esq.

H. L. DALBYNSFIELD, Hon. W. KESWELL, Esq.

H. H. HOPFUS, Esq. Hon. F. D. SASSOON.

Chief Manager, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits.—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 per cent. "

12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 27, 1886. 402

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent. per annum interest.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked. On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1886. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000

PAID-UP.....\$ 2,000,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,

40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:

In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the Balance of such Claims purchased.

1.—By an immediate Payment in Cash of the sum less than 50% for the whole of the claim.

2.—At 100%, Payment being made in Fully paid Stock of the Corporation's 5% cont. Perpetual Debenture Stock, carrying interest from date of issue, and exchangeable for Stock Warrants of \$100 with Half-Yearly Interest. Coupons attached, on the Stock, being made up to any even multiple of \$100.

3.—Holders of 5% Stock incur no liability whatever.

H. A. HERBERT,

Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1886. 314

Notices of Firms.

THE RICHMOND TERRACE ESTATE AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR. JOHN WILLMOTT is appointed SECRETARY of the above-named Company.

J. D. HUMPHREYS, General Manager.

Hongkong, April 2, 1886. 672

NOTICE.

DURING the Absence of the Undersigned, Mr. JOHN WALTER has been appointed Acting CHIEF MANAGER of the Corporation.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

General Manager.

Hongkong, March 30, 1886. 646

NOTICE.

DURING the Absence of our Mr. C. D. BOTTOMLEY, Mr. THOMAS EDMUND DAVIES is authorized to sign our Firm for Procurations.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 16, 1886. 640

NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day RE-ESTABLISHED myself in Business at this Port, under the Name of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

GEO. R. STEVENS,

Padde's Street.

Hongkong, March 24, 1886. 604

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CHINA.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS are INVITED from Persons desirous of Contracting for the Completion of the WORKS OF FORTIFICATION at BELCHER'S BATTERIES and FLY POINT.

The Contract to be based on the War Department Schedule of Prices for Artificer's Work at present applicable to the Station.

The printed Schedules, with Forms of Contract and Tender, and any further information necessary, may be obtained by application to the GOVERNMENT STOREHOUSE, Royal Engineers' Office, Queen's Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., any weak day.

A sum of \$5 will be charged for each copy of the Schedule, which amount will be refunded on the return of the same clean and uninjured to the Royal Engineers' Office, within one month of the date of issue.

Tenders to be addressed up to 12 o'clock, noon, on THURSDAY, the 8th April, 1886, to the SENIOR COMMISSARIOF OFFICER, Hongkong, marked on the outside of the envelope, "Tender for Work at Belcher's and Fly Point Batteries."

The Secretary of State for War does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

EDMOND WALKER,

Colonel, Commanding Royal Engineers.

Royal Engineers' Office,

Hongkong, 30th March, 1886. 658

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON and after SUNDAY, 4th Instant,

the Price of ICE will be ONE CENT PER POUND.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 2, 1886. 673

THE KORSCHELT ICE DEPOT.

We have this Day been appointed Agents for the KORSCHELT ICE DEPOT and are Now ready to SUPPLY ICE from our Depot, Padde's Street (near the HONGKONG HOTEL), in quantities from site, and upwards, at the Rate of ONE CENT per lb., offering special arrangements to large CONSUMERS.

The Blocks of ICE weighing up to 100 lbs. each are specially adapted for shipping purposes.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 1, 1886. 550

NOTICE.

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS for the TESTIMONIAL to Mr. JACKSON, are lying in the CLOWS and in the principal STORES in the Colony.

J. MELVILLE MATSON,

Hongkong, March 31, 1886. 655

EMPLOYMENT WANTED by an Engineer of long Experience in the Colony. Competent ACCOUNTANT and CORRESPONDENT. Address, "ALPHA," Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, March 22, 1886. 591

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

SHOULDERS are hereby notified that on Presentation of their SHARE CERTIFICATES at the HEAD OFFICE of this Company, NEW ONES will be ISSUED in Exchange, in accordance with the Resolution recently passed.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 31, 1886. 653

THE HONGKONG DAIRY.

Mr. KENNEDY having received a number of First Class MILK COWS is again in a position to SUPPLY his old customers and the Community with FRESH MILK.

Orders sent to the Repository will be punctually attended to.

Hongkong, February 17, 1886. 334

Business Notices.

THE 'DEMON'

IS THE BEST

TENNIS BAT.

(+)

THE 'DEMON'

SOLD ONLY BY

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

THE 'DEMON.'

PRICE, - \$5.50 EACH.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, March 16, 1886. 635

NOTICE.

ROBERT LANG & CO., Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters, QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR

FIRST SHIPMENT

OF

SPRING GOODS,

which they will be prepared to SHOW on and after

MONDAY, April 5th.

Hongkong, April 3, 1886. 678

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

MONDAY, April 5th.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING
STORES.

YORK HAMS.
ROLL BUTTER.
TOPCAN BUTTER.
FRENCH BUTTER.
EGG COCOA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
PICNIC TONGUES.
MACKEREL in 5lb Tins.
RAISINS and CURRANTS.
Crystallized FRUITS.

SAVORY & MOORE'S NEW INFANT FOOD.
BARNES & Co.'S JAMS.
POTTED MEATS.
PATE DE FOIS GRAS.
SWISS MILK.

BORDEN'S
CONDENSED MILK.
COOKING STOVES.

KEROSINE LAMPS.
WINES, &c.

GILSBY'S SPARKLING SAUMUR, Pts. & Quis.
SACCOONE'S MANZANILLA.

SACCOONE'S OLD INVALID PORT.
OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
BURKE'S OLD IRISH WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENLEE WHISKY.

MARSALA.
&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
OF
OILMAN'S STORES,
at the
Lowest Possible Prices
FOR CASH.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, February 10, 1886. 280

Intimations.

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.
MODERATE FEES.
MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist, formerly ARTICLED APPRENTICE AND LITERATE ASSISTANT TO DR. ROGERS.

AT the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by DR. ROGERS,
No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.
Discount to misinformed and families.
Sole Address,
2, DUDDELL STREET,
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)
Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 66

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF, GODOWN AND CARGO-
BOAT COMPANY.

THE Company will receive STEAMERS
and SAILING VESSELS alongside their
Wharves at Kowloon, and Land, Rasp, and/or Store GENERAL CARGOES, SILK,
COTTON, GRAIN OR MERCHANTABLES
in First-Class Granite Godowns at Cheap Rates.
Also COALS in specially constructed Sheds.

For the convenience of Commanders and
Storers the Company's launch Hongkong will
convey to and fro those interested FREE of
CHARGE, starting from the Pedder's Wharf
EVERY HOUR from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., and
from the Wharf at Kowloon at the half-
hour.

For further Particulars, apply to
W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
Agent,
Pedder's Street.
Hongkong, February 17, 1886. 231

Notices to Consignees.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

S.S. PEMBROKESHIRE, FROM
HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON &
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned at Wanchai, behind the premises known as No. 3, 'Blue Buildings,' whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 7th Instant will be subject to rent, at the rate of one cent per package per day.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 7th April, 1886, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 1, 1886. 665

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.
Manager, NIEL O'BRIEN.

Patron: H. E. THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT, THE HON. W. H. MARSH, C.M.G.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION OF THE MASCOOTTE OPERA COMPANY.

THIS EVENING,
the 3rd April, 1886.

COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT

Mr. VERNON REID,

FIRST PRODUCTION OF SIR JULIUS BENNETT'S BEAUTIFUL ROMANTIC OPERA

IN THREE ACTS,

The Lily of Killarney,

OR

The Colleen Bawn.

All more or less damaged by Sea Water.

The Steam Launch Kowloon will leave Pedder's Wharf for Kowloon at 2 p.m. sharp, to convey intending Purchasers.

All Lots with all faults and errors of description at Purchaser's risk, on fall of the hammer.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash on delivery.

E. JONES HUGHES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 3, 1886. 681

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the above Company, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of April, 1886, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of Confirming the Special Resolutions proposed and passed at the last Meeting of the Shareholders held on the 3rd day of April, 1886.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL acknowledges the RECEIPT from Messrs. ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co. of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS in penalty for the despatch of the S.S. Memling to Newchawng, WITHOUT NOTICE to the Post Office.

GENERAL POST OFFICE.

Hongkong, April 3, 1886. 684

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE,

VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship SAN PABLO will be despatched to San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan, with Steamers from Hongkong, San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at 3 p.m.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10% will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25% from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the

M. HARRY ARNOLD WOOLNOUGH is appointed SECRETARY of the above-named Company and is authorized to sign for it in that capacity.

JNO. D. HUMPHREYS, General Manager.

Hongkong Dispensary, 3rd April, 1886. 676

NOTICE.

M. R. EDMUND SINGLETON

WHEELER has this Day ASSUMED

CHARGE of our BUSINESS in this Colony, and is authorized to SIGN for our Firm per

Procuration.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Hongkong, April 3, 1886. 677

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB

Have the honor to announce that

THE THIRD PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON,

will take place on

WEDNESDAY,

the 7th April, 1886, at 9 p.m.,

When will be produced

A COMEDY BY J. PALGRAVE SIMPSON, entitled

'HEADS OR TAILS,'

AND THE SUCCESSFUL FARCE

'CHISELLING.'

The proceeds of this Performance will be devoted to PUBLIC CHARITY.

Tickets (\$2 each) may be obtained from

Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after Friday, 2nd April, at 9 a.m.

H. M. THOMSETT, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 29, 1886. 680

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

5 P.M.—APRIL 3, 1886.

Stocks. Nos. of Shares. Value. Paid up. Position per last Report. Reserve. Balance of Share.

HANK. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp. 60,000 \$ 125.8 121 \$ 3,400,000

INSURANCES. ... 120 \$ 121 \$ 400,000

Yangtze Insurance Co., Ltd. 8,000 £ 25 £ 25 50,000 £ 3,000,000

Union Insurance Co., Ltd. 2,000 \$ 125.8 121 \$ 575,000 439,000

China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd. 24,000 \$ 25.8 21 \$ 600,000 200,773

Canal Insurance Co., Ltd. 10,000 \$ 25.8 21 \$ 155,000 465,214

Chinese Insurance Co., Limited. 1,500 \$ 100.0 200 \$ 28,711.50 2,863.89

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. 8,000 \$ 25.8 50.8 1,000,000 283,482.55

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. 20,000 \$ 100.8 200 \$ 666,700.8 228,811.67

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 3, 1886.

S.S. GHAZEE, from GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

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ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 1, 1886. 685

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

On account of the concerned,

ON

TUESDAY,

the 6th Instant, at 2.15 p.m., at the Kowloon Godowns,—

1 Case BAMBOO-WARE & SUNDRIES.

1 Case LACQUER-WARE.

1 Case COPPER-WARE, WOOD-WARE, MATS, &c.

21 Cases GLASS BANGLES.

Ex Steamship Thame.

All more or less damaged by Sea Water.

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All Lots with all faults and errors of description at Purchaser's risk, on fall of the hammer.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash on delivery.

E. JONES HUGHES,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 3, 1886. 686

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

A CONCERT in aid of the Funds of the

CITY HALL, will be given on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 14th Instant.

The *Chung Ngai San Po* returns to-day to the singers in the competition and also the subject of China and European learning. It goes over much of the same ground as in the previous article, but dwells mainly on three points:—(1) People usually love their own near relatives less than themselves, and *a fortiori* Europeans will always have less regard to China's interests than to their own. (2) While Europeans are the teachers and Chinese the pupils, the former must remain masters of the situation; and the latter cannot expect to be led up to the standard of their teachers, much less to anything higher. (3) The main source of China's weakness is dishonesty, corruption, and greed. One does not need much learning to see that Europeans have a public spirit, and less dishonesty, corruption, and venality, than Chinese. It is possible to conceive, however, a higher standard than the European; and if China could attain to this higher standard, she would be the stronger without any Western learning.

CAPTAIN Clarke, master of the American ship *Frank N. Thayer*, arrived at New York in the *Servia* on the 22nd ultimo. He was of course immediately interviewed by the reporters, to whom he told the terrible tale of mutiny which recently caused so much sensation. He gave great credit to his wife for her courage, and said that if it had not been for her every soul on the ship would have been lost. Mrs. Clarke had apparently also made a statement, from which it appears that she not only looked after the chronometers, sextant and chart when the ship was abandoned, but that she also figured out the longitude, and tended the wounded men all through the journey of 700 miles in the small boats. It is also reported that on the Sunday night after the Malaya had broken out, the Captain thought he was dying, and said to his wife, "It is no use, I am dying; here are my pistols. When the Malays break into the cabin, shoot me, and then shoot Carris and your self." Mrs. Clarke promised to do so, "but her indomitable will so inspired her husband that it vanished even death."

A concert was given on board the *Servia* on the way out, the proceeds of which were to be used for a testimonial to Mrs. Clarke. Captain Clarke has also been delivering himself about the trouble on board the *Servia* in 1878. He admits that he put two men in irons with their hands over their heads and kept them so for three hours, but that was needed as an example to the others, "who were a lot of Bowery roughs who knew about as much about working as they did about Sanscrit, and who had begun to amuse themselves by dropping down knives and Martin-spikes on the officers whenever they came on deck." A letter from Isaiah Burton, a cook on board the *F. N. Thayer*, when she was in Shanghai in July 1886, is published in the *World*, in which Captain Clarke is accused of cruelty. Captain Clarke has denied this statement.

The People's Concert given yesterday evening in the Temperance Hall, probably the last of the season, was well attended, the front seats containing a fair sprinkling of residents and the back seats being well filled by sailors and soldiers. An excellent programme was gone through, and some of the items were very well received. Mr. Anderson's rendering of the negro song "Mary's gone wid a coon," repeated by request, was really excellent and in true negro minstrel style. As an encore he sang the pathetic "Dorkin' Night" with some feeling. Mr. Scott, who never fails to receive a warm greeting, sang "Stranded" with some degree of success, and an encore being demanded obligingly sang the threadbare but ever popular "Our Jack" come Home to-day," the audience joining lustily in the chorus. Mr. Saxon's neat step dancing was also heartily encored. In the sentimental song competition, four or five tar and a couple of Royal Artillerymen took part. If their singing was not artistic, it was at least powerful, and was apparently highly appreciated by the military and naval portion of the audience, who, in most cases, joined in the choruses with great gusto. The competition was remarkable for the number of songs containing sentimental allusions to the household gods, "The Old Wooden Rocker," "Grandpa's Arm Chair" and "The Four-posted Bedstead" being on the list. The first prize was won by Gunner Stevenson, who sang very sweetly. In the second part Mr. Dado recited "The Yarn of the Nancy Bell" in good style, and received a warm encore. Mr. Scott, in his second song, was whimsically humorous, and looked as woe-begone as one might be expected to do whose lot was so hard as he described his to be. In response to a most persistent encore, he gave an extremely humorous recitation in an extremely humorous manner. In the "Eat and Whistle" contest only two taras came forward. The man who devoured a good-sized bun quickest and then whistled was to win the prize. Though the competition seemed to amuse a large portion of the audience, it is vulgar and unfitted for a public performance, and we would advise the Committee not to repeat it. Mr. Swales, who presided over the performance, sang the auctioneer's song with so much "go" that he was very warmly applauded, and had to respond with an encore, his second effort being "Sweethearts and Wives." Mr. Woodford's violin playing was as usual much admired. Miss Edith Kennedy, Mrs. Clarke, accompanied throughout with taste and precision. Mr. Goulbourn accompanied States reject.

The following is the programme:—

INTERVAL OF 5 MINUTES

Overture.—Romeo & Julietta. (Miss Edith Kennedy, *over Riddle*) Violin & Piano. Mr. D. Woodford.

Music Song.—A rolling stone goes no more. Mr. J. Morden.

Never goes wid a coon. Mr. J. H. Anderson.

Selection from *Bren's—Carols*. Mr. J. C. Hardy.

Country Song.—Oh, Johnny dear. Mr. Geo. H. Swallow.

The Boatwoman's Lullaby.—Stranded. Mr. W. Scott.

Exhibition of Step Dancing. Mr. T. Saxon.

Sentimental Song Competition.

A PARAGRAPH translated by the *Hiago News* from a Japanese native paper runs as follows:—A rumour for the truth of which can by no means vouch, says that our Government intends making the Nippon Yuen Kaisha a private company, and discontinuing official interference in its affairs, although affording encouragement privately. The reason given for this reported change of policy is that several foreign lines of steamers may be expected to compete with the Nippon Yuen Kaisha; disputes will then arise, and if the Government is interested with the concern our political relations with alien countries are not unlikely to become entangled.

AN AMERICAN SENATOR named Frye has put forward a scheme for uniting the interests of the American nations, and towards the end of February was to introduce a bill into the Senate for the purpose of giving the President power to invite on behalf of the Government and people of the United States delegates from the republics of Central and South America, including Mexico and San Domingo, and the empire of Brazil to meet in Washington. Senator Frye's bill contains the subjects which the congress should be invited to consider. While not advocating any political compact, his desires measures to be devised which will tend to preserve the peace and promote the prosperity of the American nations, and present united resistance against the encroachments of European cosmopolitan Powers, and to preserve the integrity and present territorial constitutions of each against forcible dismemberment. Second—Measures towards the formation of an American Customs Union, under which the trade of American nations shall, so far as is practicable and profitable, be confined to American waters, and there shall be free interchange of the peculiar natural and manufactured products of export. Third—The establishment of direct, regular and frequent lines of steamship communication between the ports of the American continent. Fourth—The establishment of a uniform system of customs regulations in each independent State, to govern the exportation and importation of merchandise; a uniform method of classification and valuation of such merchandise in the ports of each country and a uniform system of invoices. Fifth—The adoption of a common system of weights and measures and uniform laws to protect persons and property, patent rights and trade marks of citizens of either country in others. Sixth—The adoption of a common silver coin, which shall be issued by each Government in such an amount as shall be proportionate to the population of each, the same to be legal tender in commercial transactions between the citizens of all American nations. Seventh—An agreement upon and recommendation for adoption to their respective Governments of a definite plan for the arbitration of all questions, disputes and differences that may now and hereafter exist between them.

JUMBO, the famous elephant, has been stabled, and, as the American papers put it, is now himself again. Professor Ward, who took the work, says Jumbo was twenty-four years of age when he died, and would probably have grown much larger. The elephant weighs three tons.

THE racing stud of Pierre Lorillard, the American Millionaire, who has decided to give up racing, was disposed of on Feb. 27. There were twenty-seven thoroughbred horses in the stud and they realised nearly \$150,000. The largest price obtained was \$20,000, paid for a three-year-old bay filly named *Wedgewood*.

New York, March 1.—The Sun's London special of February 28th says: There is high authority for the statement that England is treating with China with a view of effecting a settlement of the claims of the Chinese Government to the suzerainty over Burmah, tending towards securing to the British Government a monopoly of the right to build and operate railways in China and Burmah for the transportation of troops, war material, etc.

We hope this information is correct.

JAPAN presents at the moment the strange picture of an *autocracy*, or police government, gradually merging into a State government "by the people and for the people." As yet the people have the smallest voice in their own rule, and it is very evident that the Government, aware of the many conflicting factions with which it has to deal, is inclined to be doubly cautious. The Press Laws and the Regulations concerning Public Meetings, as they now stand, are indicative of the distrustful attitude assumed by the Government. But we would contend that both are antiquated, and an infringement of that liberty of speech to which the people are becoming more and more entitled. There can be no sympathy between the Government and the people so long as arbitrariness characterizes the laws which limit individual freedom. In order to arrive at a better understanding, both sides must meet half-way; and so soon as the Government shows a willingness to grant the people the rights of citizens of enlightened nations, the people should practice just discrimination in the exercise of their newly-acquired privileges. That the good sense of the Japanese people, as well as their innate patriotism, will lead them to act thus, we firmly believe.—*Tokyo Independent*.

FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR

That there is now little doubt but the Finance Committee will be ready enough to admit the representatives of the Press, whenever an opportunity offers to back down gracefully.

That if shipmasters are to trust to soundings for their course, a complete and accurate re-survey of the China Coast will have to be made.

THE R. A. SPORTS.

STOOGES.—Major Riddell, Captain Baldoock, and Captain Hawkshaw.

SIDE-COMMITTEE.—Sergeant-Major Turner, Sergeant-Major Wilkinson, Sergeant-Hanrade, Sergeant Cooper, Lieutenant-Major Akbar Singh.

JUDGE.—Major Riddell, and Captain Baldoock.

CLERKS OF THE COURSE.—Lieut. Hon. A. Lambart, and Lieut. Laurie.

STARTER.—Lieut. Brooks.

REFEE.—Colonel Crawford.

HON. SECRETARY.—Lieut. Anderson.

The athletic sports of the Royal Artillery took place to-day on the Cricket Ground. The forenoon was bright and sunny, and it is not that the sun's rays were somewhat stronger the weather was all that could be wished. Commencing at the early hour of 10.30, the first events were witnessed by but few spectators. As the day advanced, however, their number increased, and in the afternoon the grand stand was filled with ladies and gentlemen, while around the outside of the ground a varied multitude congregated to watch the events of the day. In the forenoon the only interesting events were the half mile race, which was but fairly run, and the tags of war. The powerful Company from the Batteries who pulled the other team in something like 10 seconds and 12 seconds adopted the sitting posture while pulling, and had perhaps an advantage in this respect over their rivals. Some four or five men of the Lancashire Artillery who had a good start.

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